First of two punch card drawings arrives for $500 in Chamber Bucks

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More and more punch cards showing $200 in chamber business purchases are coming in for the first drawing for $500 in Imperial Chamber Bucks.

That initial drawing comes tonight (Thursday) as the day-long Christmas Festival winds down at a 5 to 7 p.m. soup and pie supper at St. Patrick parish hall, 740 Broadway.

Three lucky winners will be chosen from all of the filled punch cards turned prior to Thursday's drawing. Three winners will receive $250, $150 or $100 in Chamber Bucks.

Another big drawing Thursday night will be for additional Chamber Bucks from the green flyer forms mailed to boxholder and rural mail boxes the past week.

The soup and pie supper is from 5 top 7 p.m. For a free will donation, people will have their choice of several soups and homemade pie.

A special surprise is also in store by the Chamber of Commerce during the soup and pie supper that will be enjoyed by young and old alike.

The green Christmas Festival flyer contains not only all of the events taking place today (Thursday) in more than 40 local businesses, but also a form on the back with 10 spaces. Shoppers who have all spaces stamped with a Chamber business name will be entered in the added drawing for up to $200 in Chamber Bucks.

Filled flyers can be turned in at Pinnacle Bank or by 5 p.m. Thursday at St. Patrick's Hall.

A look at the full schedule of events and free drawings offered by individual businesses involves everything from food, free individual business drawings and special prices on items at individual businesses.

And what would a Christmas Festival be without Santa?

Chamber President Jana Pribbeno said Santa will be at the St. Patrick Hall from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. to visit with children. Parents are encouraged to bring their own cameras.

The Lied Imperial Public Library is offering a free movie and story reading from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., and those with hometown business receipts can get free gift wrapping at Adams Bank and Trust all day Thursday. The bank is also collecting food pantry donations.

Imperial's downtown Christmas lights will be lit for the first time Thursday night.

For those who did not receive a green flyer or have misplaced theirs, more are available at Pinnacle Bank.